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INTONING THE NAME OF GOD

— G.H. Choupourian



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the sorrowing should do so with Christian cheer. Don't just pretend that you love others: really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other. . . and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy in your work but serve the Lord enthusiastically. Be glad for all God is planning for you.

"Let us pray. Our Father in heaven, giver of all good and perfect gifts, we thank you for the joy of life lived under your authority. Today we acknowledge that you are the One who has provided this business for us — for those of us who work in it, who invest in it, who are served by it, and who sell to it. We thank you for it. We pray today for those who are serving the schools, the offices, the industrial plants, the hospitals, those who represent us and who are unable to be here. We ask that you will make this a special day in their lives as they serve others in your name. We pray for guidance for our chairman and president as they speak to us and lead us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

It is really a refreshing notion that ServiceMaster Industries, Inc. intone the name of God, read Scripture and pray at the annual meetings. But, it is not because they name the name of God that they succeed. In other words, fiscal knowledge, business techniques, administrative abilities, proper management are absolute necessities for the success of any corporation or agency. But, when Christian attributes are added to those requirements, a **plus** dimension is added which certainly makes the difference. Pray hard, but be prepared in techniques; but more importantly in Christian attitudes.

There is more. ServiceMaster operates on the following objectives:

- TO HONOR GOD IN ALL WE DO
- TO HELP PEOPLE DEVELOP
- TO PURSUE EXCELLENCE
- TO GROW PROFITABLY

PLEASE BE KIND AND BRAVE. PROVIDE YOUR ADDRESS WHEN YOU WRITE

The AMAA office occasionally receives anonymous letters containing suggestions, advice and disapproval of some phase of the NEWS.

The staff obtains the feeling these anonymous writers do not wish to be on AMAA's mailing list. If such persons would give their names and addresses, we would be able to comply with their wishes.

PLEASE

If you receive more than one copy of this mailing, please remember that it is less expensive to have an occasional duplication than to cross-check all lists. If duplication is repeated, please return one of the pieces marked "duplicate."

These questions arose in the minds of members of the Managers of Endowment Fund Committee of the AMAA when the practice of a corporation was reported to the membership by Dr. John Keuhnelian, a urological surgeon. More on that later.

The question of the success of the godly and the failure of the ungodly is lifted up strongly in the Book of Psalms. In Psalm one we read:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord. . . He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. . . whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so. . . The way of the ungodly shall perish."

"If so," retorts the intellectual, "why do evil men succeed — get rich, achieve positions of importance, and are even honored because of their power?"

Let's return to the story of the corporation in question. The name is ServiceMaster Industries, Inc. Is the second portion of the first name, Master, a reference to Jesus? I don't know, but the service company appears to reflect a desire to behave in Christlike ways. At the shareholders' meeting on May 6, 1983, the first order of business was the reading of the following Scripture from Roman 12 followed by prayer:

"We have a different work to do. So, we belong to each other, and each needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. . . If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. . . If God has given you administrative ability and put you in charge of the work of others, take the responsibility seriously. Those who offer comfort to

teristics are developed which are the result of inspiration received through regular nurture received from God's Word. Sincerity, faithfulness, honesty, conscientiousness, dutifulness, sense of responsibility, servanthood, industriousness, enthusiasm are basic attitudes that are nurtured by obedience to scriptural counsel. Read Romans 12 again and you'll understand what we mean.

To paraphrase the Reformer Theologian Calvin's thought, "Even the meanest work may provide contentment if it is done with the consciousness that it is done for God."

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HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE IS DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF GOD AND MAN

Commencement Address by Dr. Verne H. Fletcher

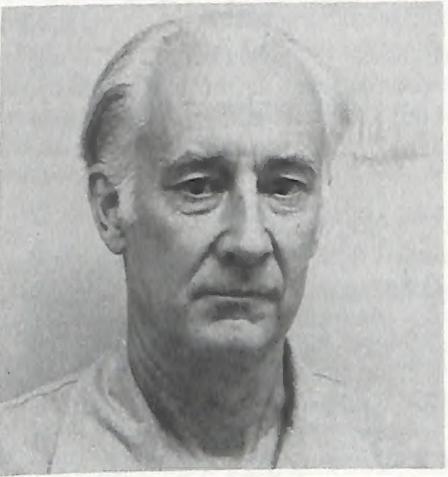
Editor's Note: In these last years, due to the civil war in Lebanon, it was frequently impossible for Haigazian College to hold formal commencement exercises. We are grateful, however, that this year, the Commencement Service of Haigazian College was held as planned, on Saturday, July 2, 1983, with Dr. Verne H. Fletcher, the newly appointed president of the College, delivering the commencement address. After extending his greetings to the honored guests, the graduating class and others in attendance, Dr. Fletcher delivered the following thought-provoking and timely address.

When one of the Greek divinities, Prometheus by name, took an interest in the welfare of man and stole fire from heaven for man's use, Zeus, king of the gods, became insanely angry and had Prometheus bound to a rock on a Caucasian peak, there to be in perpetual torment while, at the same time, he vowed to destroy the existing race of men.

When not frankly hostile to man, the gods were usually indifferent, so absorbed were they in their own — one must say dubious — affairs they couldn't be bothered with mankind. Out of self-respect some of the deepest thinkers among the ancients were driven to atheism. Such was the Roman philosopher, Lucretius, who argued that, since the gods were vindictive, capricious and, by human standards, downright immoral, the only way for a man to live a decent and meaningful life was to deny the gods.

It is consequently with considerable surprise that one discovers a "humane" god, i.e. a god on man's side. For example, in the Bible, God is understood as one who takes particular delight in the creation of human beings, in his evolution and history, to such an extent that he develops a way of communicating with man, cares for him, disciplines him when he goes astray, and is filled with joy when he returns to the right path.

Likewise, in the Qu'ran, God guides man upon the way, guards him from the evil of the day and never forgets the creature he made like a potter fashioning a vessel from clay (55:14; 76:4,12). Listen to the extraordinary words of Surah 76: Hath there come upon man



Verne H. Fletcher

prayer, and from faith in Jesus Christ. Such wealth is far more enduring than the wealth that comes from the worship of money.

Today many people are worshiping the god-of-money much more than the God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. People are beginning to lose faith in our God because He may not give them everything they want. Consequently, they change their worship to the god-of-money, hoping that this god will fulfill their needs. . .

Next time you have a decision to make between God and money, think of Jesus and let your faith make the right decision for you.

The Inspirational Corner

GOD OR MONEY?

Editor's Note: This message was given by Miss Monique Bogosian of Boston, Mass. on the occasion of her confirmation into the church membership of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass. Monique is the daughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Rosemarie Bogosian and is an active member of the Youth Group of the First Armenian Church.

I have a question for the congregation. . . if everyone of you had bought a raffle ticket to win something, and the winning ticket was going to be drawn today at 11:00 a.m., and you thought you had a good chance of winning, how many of you would be here in church today? It's a question to consider seri-



**CAR-BOMB EXPLOSION DAMAGES
AMOUNT TO \$150,000
RELIEF NEEDED URGENTLY**

"The damage to people related to the College," explained the former President of Haigazian College, Dr. John J. Markarian, "was significantly greater than at any time during the entire period of the war." The damage referred to was caused by the car-bomb explosion near the College which shook up and slightly wounded members of the Board of Managers of the College who were meeting on campus to deal with the administrative and academic needs of the College.

Dr. Markarian continued to explain: "One student was killed. As many as thirty people were wounded, most superficially, but two quite seriously and those two are certainly in need of help. One is an Armenian girl, Viki Ourfalian. She was badly wounded and almost lost her right hand. Dr. Yervant Kassouny and Raymond Merhige arranged payment by Haigazian College to place her in AUB Hospital rather than allow treatment at the Emergency Section where she would surely have lost her hand. As it is the hand has been saved and the College has paid \$2,000 LL thus far for her hospital and medical bills. She is going to need further surgery to get her hand back into usable shape."

According to Dr. Markarian, who spent several weeks in Beirut following the car-bomb explosion, the second serious injury was to one of the Kurdish cleaning women, "Fatmi Malla," Dr. Markarian wrote, "had a fractured skull the effects of which left her with enough disability to preclude further work."

The damage to the buildings was extensive, but mostly to the Mugar Building. All window glasses were shattered, doors were blown out, all false plaster fell on the floors and shelves were turned over with some workers getting caught underneath them. "Material damage to the buildings," Dr. Markarian writes, "was also considerable. The estimates varied from \$75,000 to \$150,000."

Here is an opportunity to assist the College to stand on its feet once again - A College which has been serving all Armenian youth by educating and preparing them for a more promising and productive life, as well as for leadership roles in all parts of the world.

Please use the donation form below to send in your contribution which will help ensure that the service of the College will not discontinue nor the education of any Armenian youth at the college cut because of lack of funds.

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Paramus, NJ 07652.

"MY DESTINY WAS CHANGED"



Editors Note: This testimony was given by Mr. Yeghishe Hajakian of Oradell, NJ, a graduate of Haigazian College (class of '65), at a Banquet honoring the Rev. Dr. John Markarian, the former president of Haigazian College. In his testimony, Mr. Hajakian not only pays a befitting homage to his "most favorite and beloved philosophy professor," but also presents an impassioned tribute to Haigazian College which has had a providential impact on his life and outlook.

To be a student in his classes was not the best treat!
His grades were low!

After graduation in 1965 we had written to each other several times and, for years, I had cherished his letters as a coveted prize and I had kept them with so much affection and care. And, when I met him two years ago at the Haigazian College 25th Anniversary Banquet, I asked him if he had kept any of my letters that were carefully written to him. His answer was, "Oh, did we write to each other?"

I mean, how can you condone this man for what he is?
But . . .

On that gloomy day in 1961, having knocked on many doors for higher education, exhausted and exasperated, feeling demoralized and useless - I could not afford \$300.00 for a whole year's tuition - I went to Haigazian College and met this man and my destiny was changed.

New Horizons furled open in front of me. An impossible dream of higher education became possible through Haigazian College whose name has been synonymous with Dr. Markarian. Dr. Markarian will always be the prime causality in my aspirations to the *Summum Bonum*, philosophy most favorite and beloved philosophy professor.

Coming from a background of "revolt" against religion, at first I wondered and I was even shocked that he was able to reconcile philosophy with religious fervor. How could anybody in his right mind understand *Das Kapital* and *Jean Paul Sartre*, still believe in God and have Jesus Christ as his Saviour? It was my contention that the more you delved into knowledge and the pursuit of the Absolute Truth, the gap between you and God would be widened ad infinitum.

Now this man became an incomprehensible phenomenon for me for years.

But, here he was, always dedicated to his mission of helping his fellowmen, with so much patience and love through good days and days of havoc and destruction.

If this great hero of his, this Jesus Christ of Nazareth, could inspire him and fill him with endless energy to face the enormity of his task, to face "the sea of troubles," Shakespeare would say, then let all those hypotheses or the so-called philosophical truths step aside and let Jesus Christ be the only truth and the only way of life.

ever any period of time in which he was a thing unremembered? (76:1 - Pickthall). God remembers man!

And if God is indeed for man, then man, in striving to develop himself, his knowledge and his society need not be, as was Lucretius, against God.

II. There is already contained in this first proposition a second one; namely, that this God who is for man gives man a future.

"I say this to our graduates: it is God alone who gives you a real future."

I think we especially need to hear this - in these days when our hopes have been - and are they not still? - perpetually mixed with discouragements. I say this to our graduates: it is God alone who gives you a real future. It is quite natural, of course, that you should be concerned with establishing a future for yourself: a diploma, and a job, salary, promotions, possessions and whatever security these may bring - if all goes well. But even if "all goes well" our best efforts can scarcely guarantee "the future." Even civilizations - whether Pharaonic, Phoenician, Hellenistic and I spare you the long list - are mortal. There is no future in them. Only if the future is built in to ultimate reality may we realistically take hope for the future.

Now religious commitment has often been understood as the **negation** of the future. Religion bound man to a past, unchangeable and static, fixed for all time. Religion was the bulwark of the status quo, restraining freedom, curtailing creativity. This view of religion is epitomized in Aeschylus' play, "Prometheus Bound": where it is said, "No one is free but Zeus alone."

Against such a view, Friedrich Nietzsche proclaimed what he called the "greatest recent event," namely, the death of God. In **The Gay Science**, he wrote:

"...first I must tell you
That I should really like to think there is
something wrong with me.
Because, if there isn't, then there is
something wrong. . . .
With the world itself - and that's much
more frightening.
That would be terrible. So I'd rather
believe
There is something wrong with me, that
could be put right.

If the wrong were located at the heart of ultimate reality there would be no use in hoping. But God who is our beginning is also our future.

III. Finally, one last point:
This God who is for man and who gives man a future, at the same time

future lies open? - well, that takes a lot of believing. One is reminded of the fear of the ancients lest their ships should venture out **too** far into the unknown and fall off the edge of the world.

What of the future? On what - precisely - did Nietzsche base his optimism?

Go back to the Greeks - way back to the 8th century before our era - to the epic poem of the great mythologist Hesiod, according to whom: In the beginning was chaos, empty space. Then appeared the Earth and the Sky. Later came the birth of the gods and way down the line, a rather minor divinity whom we have already met - Prometheus - having made man from clay tries to secure man's happiness with the gift of fire, while the tyrant Zeus conceives a great hatred for man but is soon drawn back to his real passion: the internecine quarrels among the gods.

What of the future? Obviously, for Hesiod the future belongs to chaos. For the end is already in the beginning.

Compare with that the first four words of the Bible: In the beginning God - This is obviously a statement about origins but - even more - about destinies - For, if God started out well and then progressively lost control as time went on then indeed there would be something more ultimate - more re-source-ful - than God, whether we call it fate or chaos or nothingness or meaninglessness. For in the source the goal is already contained. Our future can be guaranteed only if the future is built in to ultimate reality.

In T.S. Eliot's verse play, **The Cocktail Party** (P. 359) Celia, in desperation at the chaotic condition of her life, seeks help from a psychiatrist and begins her meeting with him with these words:

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calls man to responsible action. We are challenged to make decisions, to shoulder our responsibilities, to transform this earth into a place fit for human habitation.

According to the Promethean myth, the fire - which in Aeschylus becomes the symbol of civilization itself - has to be **stolen** from heaven in defiance of God. In the biblical version, all good things are **given** to man.

Adam is told: Till the earth and subdue it, Have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing. Name the animals and tend the garden.

"Man is a steward, khalifah, a deputy - responsible for that which is not essentially his own; but entrusted, nevertheless, with the goods of this earth whether material or social, and accountable for what he does with them."

All this is a gift for which, nonetheless, we are held accountable.

This is basic to the concept of the human being in both the Bible and the Qu'ran. Man is a steward, khalifah, a deputy - responsible for that which is not essentially his own; but entrusted, nevertheless, with the goods of this earth whether material or social, and accountable for what he does with them.

And now our time has come; it is our turn - for creative effort and hard work, for developing the arts and the sciences, for combatting untruth, injustice and inhumanity, for ordering our individual lives and efforts in such ways that our personal histories may contribute positively to corporate history, to the welfare of others and of society.

To us is given the responsibility of caring for this earth, of transforming and humanizing society, of exercising the gifts of freedom and creativity according to our several abilities, and with integrity and fortitude.

Dear Graduates, as you go forth from this college, may it be given you to believe that the universe is on the side of truth, justice and fraternity, that the future is not for the selfish, the inhumane, or the arrogant, and may this vision be turned into a measure of reality through the effort of heart and mind which you are called upon to make.

"We feel as if a new dawn were shining on us when we receive the tidings that 'the old god is dead'; our heart overflows with gratitude, amazement, anticipation, expectation. At last the horizon appears free again. . . At last our ships may venture out again. . . all the daring of the lover of knowledge is permitted again: the sea, our sea lies open before us." (Prt.n., p. 448)

BENEFACtors JOHN H. AND VICTORIA SHEEN



John H. Sheen and deceased wife, Victoria

John H. and Victoria Sheen, residents of Altadena, California, are unusually charitable people and have made some very beneficial arrangements for the welfare of Christian institutions and for people in need of care and education.

The Sheens have consistently refused to have the AMAA reveal publicly the extensive benevolent arrangements they have made. But, recently, the Executive Director of the AMAA was able to convince Mr. John Sheen to let him write a story, wherein some reflections could also be made about his beloved wife, Victoria, who died on February 28, 1983.

The Sheens are believing Christians. In fact, they were both looking forward to the "Rapture" at Christ's return who would take with Him all who had been saved in His blood. Victoria herself was a very sweet and loving creature as well as a caring and devoted wife, completely committed to making John happy and content to enable him to engage in his profession successfully. John himself was a great furniture manufacturer, having manufactured pulpits and pews for dozens of Christian Churches during his active working years. He has been retired for many years and spends his time these days beautifying his garden. Victoria, who began to feel weak some two years ago, knew of the tragedy that had hit her but she bravely faced the bad news of her imminent departure from her beloved husband stating that she was ready to commit herself to God's will.

After having provided adequately for members of their families, the couple decided to help many charitable causes and to that end established several trusts.

ARAM ZIPPER ESTABLISHES LIVING TRUST

— G.H. Chopourian

Mr. Aram Zipper Mooshovian is a captivating man and a practical Christian. At his well-advanced age he continues to be creative and most interesting.

I received a message from the Reverend Bernard Guekguezian that Aram Zipper Mooshovian, known also as M.H. Aram, but more prominently as Mr. Zipper, wanted to see me. Consequently, I included in my itinerary a June 15 stop in Fresno to see Mr. Zipper. A group of children came up to the door, chanting "Uncle Aram." "What's the password?" he questioned them. With one voice, they responded: "Izkantcheli." Aram singlehandedly has taught that Armenian word to hundreds, particularly to members of clubs he belongs to.

I have a 58-page typed document before me, signed by Aram and Mr. Sam A. Suhler who had interviewed Aram on radio on behalf of the Oral History Program of the Fresno County Library. As guest of the Oral History Program Aram answered extensively the hundreds of questions put to him. His answers revealed he was born on March 15, 1895 in Harpoot. That makes him 88 years young and healthy. Dozens of anecdotes, such as the interesting story of his training at various jobs, his quick grasp of the Morse System in the Signal Corps and his participation in the fund-raising for and construction of the Armenian Old Age Home came into focus. He signed the transcript of the interview for the benefit of the public in these words: "By my signature, affixed below, I give my approval to this script as it now reads, for use by researchers at the Fresno County Free Library."

Just for flavor, here's a paragraph in answer to questions by Mr. Suhler, the interviewer, about his training as a tailor and his desire to sign up as a U.S. soldier:

and we are equally convinced that God will bless the fruits of his and his departed wife's labors to the glory of God and the service of human beings.

The Executive Director joins the Board of Directors to extend sincere sympathies to the Sheen families on the passing away of their wife and mother.



Aram (Zipper) Mooshovian, left, with Sam Suhler of the Oral History Program of the Fresno County library.

"First, I started janitor work at the J. & S. Oleander store. And my brother George was a tailor, and time to time I would go and help my brother with his work, and have more jobs. And gradually I learned to be a tailor from my brother. . . When the war started (World War I) my brother wanted me to enlist. . . At one point, I want to tell you, that the day I was supposed to be going to train for the military was April 1st – April Fool's Day – Daylight Saving Time started, and I forgot to

change the time so I was one hour late. Everyone had gone to the train and I wasn't with them. So I went to the Courthouse and they told me, 'you're too late to run to the depot.' I ran and I was among the others."

In answer to the interviewer's remark: "But you almost got left because you were an hour behind time," Mr. Zipper stated:

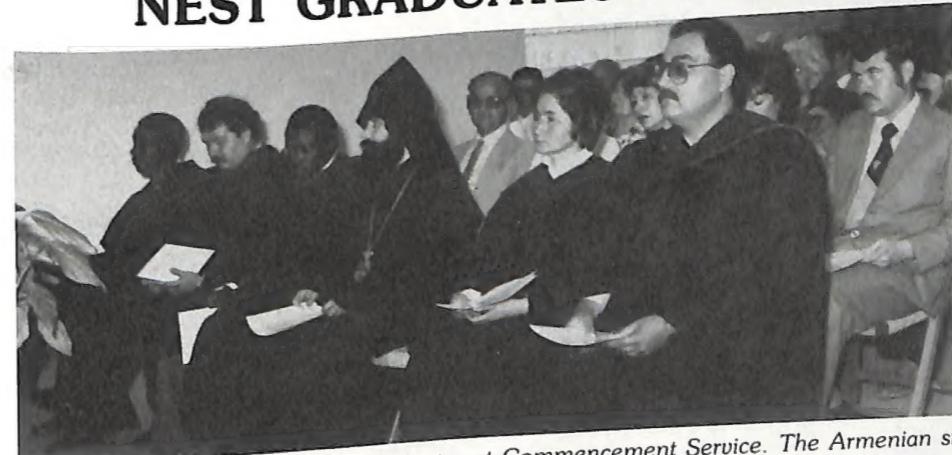
"That's a day I won't forget forever!"

Mr. Zipper is a man who has ordered

his life systematically. Desirous of making sure that his charitable works may continue perpetually, he increased a Living Trust he had with the AMAA of \$20,000 to \$100,000 by providing two checks of \$40,000 each to be added to his Trust Fund. He will be receiving the annual income of his Living Trust throughout his life-time and at his demise the annual income will be used for five different projects that he has enumerated in a contractual agreement. The AMAA will be faithful in the investment of this money. While Aram was only receiving 5 or 5 1/2 percent on his savings, the AMAA will be able to return at least twice as much yield on the principal of his Trust. Aram has also given generously to the AGBU, the Armenian Evangelical Union, especially for Armenian alphabet blocks, and many community charitable projects.

Aram, you make life interesting. You charm the neighborhood children with your capacity to teach them the password, "Izkantcheli;" you are yourself "Izkantcheli!" We in the AMAA circles – Board members, officers and staff – salute you and pledge to perpetuate your charitable wishes.

NEST GRADUATES FOUR ARMENIAN STUDENTS



Near East School of Theology Graduates at Commencement Service. The Armenian students are (r. to l.) Krikor A. Youmshajekian, Arpine Mahshigian, Fr. Anoushavan Torkom Tanelian, from the Catholicosate of Antilias and Meguerditch Karakozian (2nd from left).



Our future leadership – the Armenian students of the Near East School of Theology with the Rev. Hagop Sagherian (4th from right), chairman of the Central Committee of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East.

NEST for pastoral ministry in the Middle East.

The Near East School of Theology of Beirut, Lebanon held its commencement service on Sunday, June 19, 1983. Four of the nine graduates were Armenians, namely, Krikor A. Youmshajekian, Arpine H. Mahshigian, Father Anoushavan Torkom Tanelian, all three earning Master of Divinity Degrees, and Meguerditch Karakozian, a Bachelor of Theology Degree.

It is most heartwarming to know that at present there are five more seminary students who are being trained at the

Ron Tovmassian from Fuller Theological Seminary and Ara Guekguezian from Princeton Theological Seminary. These two young men are now ready to serve in our churches in the U.S. Within the next two years at least two more U.S. youth will be ready to enter into Pastoral ministry.

LUTHER H. BOSNIAN OF CARMEL



Luther Bosnian

It is a long way from Aintab of Turkish Armenia to Carmel in Monterey Bay for Aintab-born Luther Bosnian who resides at the Carmel Valley Manor. He is the only Armenian living in the Manor where there are some 150 private house units occupied by independent senior citizens with all their physical needs met by the condominium style corporation. For all I know, he may be the only Armenian in Carmel Valley itself.

About 600,000 or at the most one million Armenians in the United States are spread all over this country and those traveling extensively come across Armenians in unusual and quite often solitary places, similar to the case of Bosnian. When one considers that the land area in the United States is about three and one-half million square miles, a simple division would indicate that the density of Armenian population would be about 1 in every 5 square miles or 1 in every 3 square miles at the most.

In view of such dispersion, we believe visits and methods of communication with Armenians so spread out is a ministry. The Executive Director's visit to Mr. Luther S. Bosnian in mid-June as a matter of fact provided dual inspiration both to the host and guest.

Like all Armenians, Mr. Bosnian has a good story and a very interesting one.

Born before the 1896 massacres in Aintab, Luther reached the shores of this free country in 1911, just 3 years before the first World War. Having arrived in New Haven he attended Yale University between 1912-1916, obtaining his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Asked why he immigrated, he explained, "My mother, who along with the family had witnessed numerous massacres of Armenians by the Turks, said firmly, 'Let us save at least one per-

- G.H. Chopourian

son from the family, let him go to the United States.' She thus encouraged my immigration to the United States." Unfortunately, Luther's parents became victims of the 1915 massacres but another sister, Vahide, now deceased, was also saved by immigration to the United States. Her children, Jake and John Bosnian, live in Los Angeles currently.

His attitude towards work was willingness to work hard and readiness to be faithful to the employers, with a determination to give of his best. As a student he worked at jobs in the summer for 10 cents an hour, finally ending up in the Winchester factory which made shells for Russians. Continuing his search for a job in line with his Mechanical Engineering preparation, he was employed by Westinghouse. Between 1917 and 1920 he worked in the Engineering Corps of the United States Army, being discharged in 1920. After the war, he obtained a consultant position with Chain Belt Co. and was soon upgraded to a regular company position, specially because the President of Chain Belt Co. had learned that Luther would be leaving for another job. Luther worked at Chain Belt Co., which later became Rexnord, for 30 years, retiring in 1961. He was in charge of the manufacturing side of factory work but it was not very long before he became one of the company Directors. He was instrumental in building up the strength of the factory which manufactured guns: 105 Howitzers; 105 Long Toms (26-foot long barrel). In those days, Rexnord excelled companies like Westinghouse, General Electric and others.

Although his primary responsibility is to raise funds and strengthen the Armenian Evangelical Foundation, he has also been charged to serve as the pastor-counselor to the churches and pastors of the Union. This is in line with the Union's resolve to have a full-time executive position similar to that of the Conference Minister in the United Church of Christ. His special training in counseling and his long years of pastoral, educational, and administrative experience are among the many gifts that he brings to this office.

MINISTER TO UNION APPOINTED

The Executive Secretary of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA), Dr. Peter Doghramji, announced the Rev. Harry Missirlian has accepted the call of the AEUNA Executive Council to serve as Minister to the Union effective September 1, 1983. Officially retired in 1982 from the active ministry as Pastor of the Pilgrim Armenian Evangelical Church in Fresno, he has been serving as the Interim Pastor of Calvary Armenian Evangelical Church in San Francisco and, more recently, was honored as the Pastor Emeritus of Pilgrim Church.

Rev. Missirlian was one of the original planners for the merger in 1971 of the East and West parent Unions into the AEUNA of which he was the first Moderator. He has been totally committed to the Christian ministry and the service of the Armenian people. His heart has always been with the youth — that is why he is always so young and full of energy. He has been an educator ever since he began teaching at the Immanuel Armenian Evangelical School in Aleppo, Syria, in 1933. In 1935 he entered the Near East School of Theology and the American University of Beirut and graduated from both in 1940 with high honors. Thereupon, he served as a Youth Director strengthening the Christian Endeavor Societies in Syria and Lebanon. He also served as Professor at Aleppo College, Syria.

He recollects how in those War days, he worked 7 days a week doing 2 out of 3 shifts each day. The pressure of the work ultimately brought him down with illness, but thank the Lord, his health was restored and he is enjoying his retirement. Reminiscing about the War days he says, "I hope we'll never see those days again." Luther was also instrumental in calling in 1948 or 1950 Bob Krikorian, another Yale man, to serve in the company. Mr. Krikorian is now the President of Rexnord.

Mr. Bosnian is a member of the Milwaukee Grand Avenue Congregational Church even though he is in Carmel. During his active years in the church he was head usher. He is a contributing member of the United Armenian Congregational Church and member and

supporter of the AMAA for many years with his interests centered on the Child Education Sponsorship Program and Haigazian College.

To meet, to learn, to share and to feel the warmth of an Armenian in a secluded place is an experience to be cherished. Luther, thank you for granting us the privilege of visiting you and filling our hearts with pride for what you have done, what you have been, and are.

CATHOLICOS KAREKIN II VISITS AMAA HEADQUARTERS



His Holiness Karekin II with AMAA President, Dr. George Bezirganian (right) and Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian.



The Rev. Bernard Guekguezian, Moderator of the AEU-NA, greeting His Holiness at the entrance of the AMAA Headquarters.



Spouses of AMAA Board Members and Volunteer friends of AMAA.

All past Presidents and past and current members of the AMAA Board in the greater New York and New Jersey areas attended the reception and some 60 guests partook of a rich layout of refreshments prepared and served by the spouses of Board members and close friends of the AMAA.

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS HONORED

An unprecedented Recognition Banquet honoring the retired Armenian Evangelical Ministers and Ministers' Widows was held at the United Armenian Congregational Church of Hollywood, California on Saturday, May 14, 1983. The Banquet, which was jointly sponsored by the AMAA and the AEUNA, was attended by close to 400 grateful believers who paid tribute to 19 retired ministers and 21 ministers' widows who had served the Lord in and through Armenian Evangelical Churches in different parts of the world. The list of the honorees included the:

Rev. Avak Avakian, Sarnia, Canada
Rev. Hagop Chakmakjian, Fresno, CA
Rev. Sarkis Consulian, Pasadena, CA
Rev. Nishan Hachian, S. Francisco, CA
Rev. H. Hampartzoumian, L.A., CA
Rev. Hovey Hovagimian, Oakland, CA
Rev. Nerses Khachadourian, L.A., CA
Rev. Mihran Keoroghlian, Redlands, CA
Rev. G. Diran Minassian, S. Barbara, CA
Rev. Harry Missirlian, Fresno, CA
Rev. Mardiros Marganian, L.A., CA
Rev. Youhanna Mugar, Claremont, CA
Rev. Sarkis Papajian, Fresno, CA
Rev. Asadour Sadakian, S. Francisco
Rev. Vahram Salibian, Rochester, NY
Rev. Khachig Sarian, Upper Darby, PA
Rev. Senekerim Sulahian, N.Y., N.Y.
Rev. Garabed Tilkian, L.A., CA
Rev. Youhanna Toro, Pasadena, CA
and
Mrs. Zarouhi Adjemian, Rochester, NY
Mrs. Parouhi Agbabian, L.A., CA
Mrs. Aznive Apkarian, L.A., CA
Mrs. Zarouhi Antreasian, Chicago, IL
Mrs. Grace Avazian, L.A., CA
Mrs. Alice Baliozian, Pasadena, CA
Mrs. Marie Bedikian, Leonia, NJ
Mrs. Theodore Daghlian, Indiana
Mrs. Maritza Depoyan, Providence, RI
Mrs. Ann Georgizian, Providence, RI
Mrs. Neddar Gurlejian, L.A., CA
Mrs. Gaida Hadidian, Princeton, NJ
Mrs. Helen Hadidian, San Jose, CA
Mrs. Rose Hadidian, West Virginia
Mrs. Ann Kalfayan, New Jersey
Mrs. Vartkes Keshishian, S. Francisco
Mrs. Anita Khachadurian, California
Mrs. Beatrice Levonian, L.A., CA
Mrs. Ann Mackitar, Westchester, NY
Mrs. Verjin Renjilian, Troy, NY
Mrs. Maritza Yeramian, California

Gratitude is a divine grace, and we praise God for this beautiful demonstration of gratefulness for the labors and sacrifices of the honorees.

NEW ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED



Rahel and Osanna Makanian

An anonymous donor from Massachusetts has turned over to the Armenian Missionary Association of America 100 shares of Mobil Oil stocks and requested that a fund be established in memory of donor's Mother and Aunt to be known as the "Rahel and Osanna Makanian Missionary Fund." The donor is Rahel's son.

The donor, outlining the purpose of the use of the income and future arrangements writes: "Following my Mother's death I made my Will and adhered to my Mother's strict wishes to donate my money to foreign Missions to exalt the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in foreign lands. In this connection I am happy to inform you that after my death the fund will receive annually certain percentage income from my Estate known as 'Rahel and Osanna Makanian Missionary Fund (of Aintab Turkey)' and which amounts must be added annually to augment the proceeds of the 100 Mobil annually and perpetually... to take care of inflation/deflation problems."

The donor's grandfather, Nazar Makanian, better known as Makan Nazar, was trained for the ministry under the very first American Missionaries like Azaria Smith and others. He supervised the construction of the first church of Aintab and became its pastor.

This anonymous donor has complied well with one of the Ten Commandments: "Honor thy father and thy mother." God be praised!

CALVARY ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

On Sunday June, 9, 1983, the Cal-

vary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco dedicated its newly-built sanctuary at 725 Brotherhood Way in San Francisco. The event was attended by a large congregation of members and friends of the Calvary church as well as clergy and lay representatives from the Armenian churches in the area. The service which featured an inspiring program was jointly led by the Interim Minister and a number of lay leaders of the church. Other participants in the order of the service included two former ministers of the church; the of-

convened for June 25-28, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, referred the proposed Resolution to its Executive Council for further deliberation.

The Executive Council of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, at one of its recent meetings, appointed a Task Force of four members to study the matter of the Armenian Genocide Proposal and present a resolution at the 7th General Assembly of the Union in June, 1984.

The actions taken by the Executive Council of the AEUNA and the General Synod of the UCC indicate recognition of the efforts of the Rev. Hartunian and others in bringing the vital matter of the Armenian Genocide to the attention of ecclesiastical bodies and the non-Armenian public in general.



The Newly-dedicated Sanctuary of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco.

ficial representative of U.C.C.; the Moderator of the AEUNA; and the Executive Director, Dr. G. H. Chopourian, who represented the AMAA, led the litany of Dedication at the dedication service. The AMAA, pursuant to its policy of encouraging also the ministry of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in North America, in addition to a substantial contribution, also provided a sizable long term, low interest loan to the Calvary church for the building of its Armenian style Sanctuary.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF UCC

By the initiative of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass., Rev. Vartan Hartunian, Pastor, a Resolution regarding the Armenian Genocide was adopted by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. A similar resolution proposed by the Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, New Hampshire, was adopted by the New Hampshire Conference. The proposals were reviewed in Committee of the UCC General Synod and the Synod,

ANNUAL JULY 4TH PICNIC A SUCCESS

Despite the extremely warm weekend and the scorching sun, a large crowd close to 350 members and friends of the AMAA attended our traditional July 4th picnic which was organized by the Public Affairs Committee. Those in attendance, who included members and friends from as distant places as Philadelphia, Pa. and South New Jersey, enjoyed not only a restful day of fellowship, but also the traditional Armenian



Public Affairs Committee Members and Volunteers.

shish kebab dinner which has now become the main attraction of the annual event. Sincere thanks to Mr. Danny Kurkjian, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, and to the many volunteers who in their love for the AMAA are always ready to give of their time and energy for the success of public events.

RON TOVMASSIAN ACCEPTS CALL TO SERVE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Through a recent communication,



Ron Tovmassian with UACC youth

the Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown, Mass. announced that the Church has extended a call to Mr. Ron Tovmassian of Downey, Calif. and he has accepted to become the minister of the Memorial Church effective September 1983.

Mr. Tovmassian, son of past AMAA Executive Secretary, the Reverend Edward Tovmassian, graduated from the Fuller Theological Seminary with an M. Div. degree in June 1983. After his ordination, which is to be held on Aug. 15, 1983, Ron and his wife Renee will leave for Watertown, Mass. to commence their ministry at the Memorial Church.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartiest congratulations to the Armenian Memorial Church and to Mr. Ron Tovmassian for the happy arrangements, prayerfully wishing that God will bless their life and ministry together for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

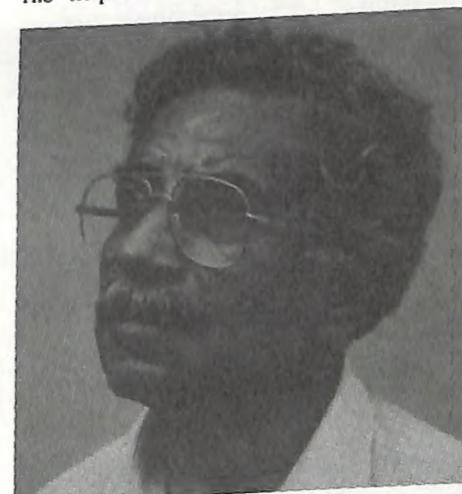
SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER ASSISTS IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR IMMIGRANTS

The AMAA supported Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center of Hollywood, Ca., jointly with the International Institute of Los Angeles, is sponsoring the newly-opened Armenian Business Development Center, a non-profit agency, to assist in the development of new businesses and job opportunities for the Armenian immigrants in the Los Angeles area. The establishment of the Business Center was announced on April 15, 1983 by Senator David Roberti who was instrumental in securing State CETA funds which make the Center's services possible. Located at 5250 Santa Monica Blvd., at the

heart of the growing Armenian community of Hollywood, the Center offers special services which include business counselling on financing, taxes and licenses, marketing analysis, and advertising, as well as seminars and publications. With this new involvement in the development of small business and job opportunities, the AEESC adds a new dimension to its ever expanding services which aim at meeting the vital needs of the immigrant Armenians in the Los Angeles Area. Since its inception in 1977, the Center has served over 11,000 immigrants who have benefited from this unique outreach of the AMAA.

HRANT GUZELIAN GIVES CONCERT IN FRANCE

Mr. Hrant Guzelian, the former Director of the AMAA sponsored Istanbul Youth Home in Turkey, recently gave a vocal performance in Marseilles, France where he settled in 1982 after his imprisonment and release by the



Hrant Guzelian

Turkish authorities. Mr. Guzelian, a well known baritone in the Armenian and Christian circles of Turkey, has been a soloist of the Istanbul Conservatory Choir for many years. His recent Marseilles Concert which was sponsored by the Association Pour La Connaissance De La Musique Classique featured classical works and liturgical chants from Armenian and European musicians.

UACC HOLDS MISSION BANQUET

The Missions and Outreach Committee of the United Armenian Congre-

gational Church held an AMAA benefit banquet on March 19. The Banquet program was enriched with speakers, Dr. Joyce Philibosian Stein and Dr. Daniel Abdulian and with Hrant Agababian as master of ceremonies. The fine music rendered by Hagop Nazarian, Ani Kilaghbian, sisters Gasia and Janna Saatjian, and the Hope Singers, received a resounding note of appreciation by the audience.

Dr. Stepan Merjanian took over the position as chairman of the Missions and Outreach Committee when Eva Shahinian moved to Fresno. In spite of many commitments, Dr. Merjanian is cheerfully and capably carrying on his responsibilities as the leader of the Missionary activities of the UACC.

DAN SARIAN SERVES WITH CAMPUS LIFE

Dan Sarian, a graduate of Shanandoa College and Conservatory of Music, is the first paid Director of Campus Life in Winchester, Va. Sarian, 24, organizes trips, monthly meetings, theme parties and goes to almost any length to get teenagers to hear the word of God. Campus Life, a division of the Wheaton, Illinois based Youth for Christ Ministry, involves more than 16,000 high school students Nationwide.

TESTIMONIAL BANQUET HONORS FORMER AMAA PRESIDENTS JOHN KEYISHIAN AND VAHE ROUBIAN

Past AMAA Presidents John Keyishian, rug dealer, and Vahe Roubian, D.D.S., were honored at a special testimonial banquet given by the Etchmiadzin Lodge of the Knight of Vartan. The banquet, which was held on Saturday, June 18, 1983, at the Armenian Holy Martyrs' Church Hall, was attended by about 180 members and friends of the Etchmiadzin Lodge, who also paid tribute to Mr. Joe Chorbajian of New York, N.Y.

John and Vahe and their co-honoree were cited for their valuable contributions to Armenian community life in greater New York. All the speakers at the banquet highlighted the outstanding professional achievements as well as the dedication of the honorees to the purposes of the Brotherhood.

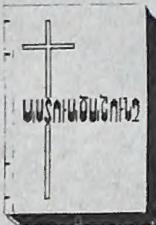
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Paramus, New Jersey 07652

HELP 15-YEAR OLD VICKEN TO WALK AGAIN

Vicken must start a new life and develop moral courage to face the future . . .

YOU CAN GIVE BOTH TO 15-YEAR OLD VICKEN BY YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In this way you can be a source of encouragement to his father and mother (both undergoing psychological therapy) and four sisters.

Vicken's twin brother was killed in the Beirut War of 1977. In 1983 shrapnels damaged both legs - right was saved through surgery, left amputated. The Lebanon Government won't help as the family have Syrian identity papers. Family is extremely poor. The outstanding medical bills amount to \$7,000.

Consider this! If a child or grandchild of yours were in such a need would you not hope and expect that people should help?

BE A RESCUER

Use the coupon below to help us help Vicken.

My prayer and my heart go out to the young man.

Please find enclosed my check for \$_____ to help Vicken walk.

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Paramus, New Jersey 07652



NEWS IN BRIEF

DAVID SHAKARIAN MEETS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

David Shakarian, Chairman of the Board and Executive Officer of the Pittsburgh-based General Nutrition Corporation, and a generous supporter of the AMAA, recently spent a whole day in the nation's capitol meeting with President Reagan, Senators, Cabinet figures and other Washington dignitaries.

At noon, Mr. Shakarian was the guest at a special luncheon held in



Alice Odian Kasparian

as well as her contributions to both the Armenian and American public. In accepting a silver Revere Bowl as a momento, Mrs. Odian Kasparian expressed thanks for the tribute and emphasized the importance of preserving our Armenian cultural heritage.



NEVART DOHANIAN HONORED FOR SERVICE TO CHURCH SCHOOL

Miss Nevart Dohanian of Belmont, Mass., a long-time, faithful supporter of AMAA ministries, was honored by the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass. for her more than 50 years of service to the Church School as a teacher. The Reverend Vartan Hartunian, the pastor of the Church, speaking of Nevart during the worship service on Sunday, June 12, 1983 said, "Nevart Dohanian is a rare example of a life dedicated to our Lord and in service of our children. For over 50 years she has taught and loved our children in the kindergarten class and in this way has prepared our children for the Christian pilgrimage."

Mr. Shakarian, who is a respected and well-known philanthropist in Armenian and American circles, is the founder of GNC stores, the first of which he opened in 1935 at the height of the Depression. GNC now has 1,100 retail outlets in the U.S. and Canada.

We praise God for the dedication and service of Nevart whose wholehearted involvement in the work of the Lord is an inspiration to many.

ALICE ODIAN KASPARIAN HONORED BY KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN

On May 10, the members of the Greater Boston Knights and Daughters of Vartan paid tribute to Mrs. Alice Odian Kasparian of Watertown, Mass., as Woman Of The Year. Mrs. Odian Kasparian, a long time and generous supporter of the AMAA, was honored for her accomplishments in the professional, charitable, literary and cultural fields

S. WALTER KRAM, M. D. ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CRS

S. Walter Kram, M. D., a Life Member and faithful supporter of the AMAA, was recently elected as the President of the California Radiological Society. The CRS, which is comprised of 1,600 radiologists, represents 12 percent of the radiologists of the entire U.S. Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Kram for many years of fruitful service.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. JOHN AND MRS. LOUISE CHAKMAKIAN of Philadelphia, Pa. and Tucson, Ariz. as well as DR. PUZANT AND MRS. BEATRICE HADIDIAN of Los Gatos, Calif., both couples generous supporters of the AMAA, who recently marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary with special family celebrations.

It is our fervent prayer that God will continue to bless the couples with health, happiness and His divine grace.



Louise and John Chakmakian (standing) 2nd and 5th from left with their daughter Jane Casey, 1st from left; son David with wife Marty, 3rd and 4th from left; and grandchildren.



Beatrice and Puzant Hadidian (standing) 3rd and 4th from left with daughter Eileen and husband Peter Tichenor, 1st and 2nd from left; grandchildren, Razmig and Katia; son John and his wife Aza, 1st and 2nd from right. Absent from picture is Mika, a granddaughter.

OBITUARIES

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Միամեայ տքնաջան աշխատանքի մը ետք տարիներով երազուած առաջին Հայ Աւետարանական ամէնօրեայ Վարժարանին առաջին ամավերձի Հանդէսն էր: Երեսուն սիրասուն մանուկներ տարի մը ամբողջ Քիրստոնէական եւ Հայեցի կրթութեամբ առողջ դպրոցական տարի մը բոլորելէ ետք հպարտութեամբ եկան ցոյց տաւ: Միացեալ Հայ ժողովական եկեղեցւոյ Ավագեան սրահը խմբուած ծնողներուն եւ բարեկամներուն թէ անոնք արժանի էին թափուած բոլոր քրտինքին, տրամադրուած բոլոր սուր ժամերուն եւ նուիրուած բոլոր զոհողութեանց: Անոնց թրթուացող շրթները, եռացող աշքերը, վառվուն շարժումները եւ թռչող հոգիները ամբողջ 90 վայրկեանները գրաւեցին սրտերը 250ի հասնող բազմութեան որոնք քամուած յուղումով եւ մերթ հրճուանքով ըմբուխնեցին իրենց հրամցուած գեղեցիկ յայտագիրը առաջնորդութեամբ փոքրիներու ուսուցչուներուն Տիկին Միթիլեանի եւ Տիկին Նարկիզեանի:

Յայտագրին դափնեպսակը եղաւ երբ Մանկապարտէզի առաջին հանդիսացող 5 սիրասուն մանուկներ բեմ բարձրացան, ստանալու իրենց վկայականները ձեռամբ Վարիչ-Տնօրէն Պրն. Դանիէլ Ալպարեանի: Մանուկներ՝ որոնք հապատութեամբ կնքուեցան ըլլալու այս հաստատութեան անդրանիկ շրջանաւարտները: Մանուկներ՝ որոնց երթին հետ, աճման մեծացման եւ տարածման երթն էնաւելայս մանուկ հաստատութեան:

Հայ Աւետարանական ամէնօրեայ Վարժարանի մը պէտքին եւ անհրաժեշտութեան հանգրուաններէն յաջողապէս անցած, անխոնջ աշխատանքի, անանձնական նուիրումի եւ անսահման զոհողութեանց դողանջներուն դրականօրէն պատասխանելու շրջանն է արդէն: Կասկած չկայ որ համայնքը ամէնուրեք ընդհանրապէս, Հարաւային Գալիֆորնիոյ մէջ մասնաւորապէս պիտի ընդառնէ օժանդակութեան եւ աշխատանքի բոլոր կանչերուն հպարտութեան առարկան գարձնել Մերուպեան այս տաճարը ուր առողջ Հայ Քրիստոնէայ մարդը կերտելու իսէտալը հիմնական նպատակն է բոլոր անոր շուրջ գլուխութեան բանուուն: Յայտագրի զանազան մասերուն մէջ իրենց բաժինները բերին Վեր. Ա. Զափարեան բացման աղօթքով, Պրն. Սեպուհ Թաշճեան, որ ձեռնհասորէն վարեց օրուայ յայտագիրը որպէս հանդիսավար, Հոգարձութեան Ատենապետուհի եւ Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան Փոխ Նախագահ՝ Տիկին Ալիս Հայկ իր հակիրճ պատգամով, Պրն. Յակոբ Լուսարաբեան գնահատանքի իր խոսքերով տարուայ ընթացքին վարժարանի շուրջ խմբուած բոլոր կամաւոր աշխատուուներուն եւ վերջապէս Վեր. Պ. Ճամպազեան՝ օրհնութեան աղօթքով:

Մասնաւոր յիշատակութեան եւ գնահատանքի արժանացաւ Վարժարանիս սիրելի բարերարուհին Օր. Էլիզ Մերտինեանը, որու իշխանական նուիրատուութիւնը պիտի յատկացուի Վարժարանիս սեփական կալուածի մը գնման փոնտին: Յայտագրէն ետք տարօինութիւնը պատշաճ հիւրասիրութեամբ մը պատուեց շրջանաւարտները, ծնողներն ու հիւրերը որոնք ուրախ

եւ բարձր տրամադրութիւններով բաժնուեցան ժամադրուելով հանդիպի Սեպտեմբերին Վարժարանիս նոր կեղունին մէջ:

Բարի երթ Հայ Աւետարանական Վարժարան: ԶԱՀԻՆ ԽԱՆՃԵԱՆ

ԵՐԵՒԱՆԻ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՒՆ ԾԷՆՔԸ ՆՈՐՈԳՈՒԱԾ

Հայաստանեայց Աւետարանական Մկրտչական Եկեղեցիներու Բարեկամ Մարմինի Վարիչ-Տնօրէն՝ Վեր. Յ. Հելվանեան, 9 Յուլիս 1983 թուակիր նամակով մը կը գրէ:-

Ուրախ եմ հաստատելու թէ մեր պաշտօնապէս զրկած 100 երգարանները ստացուած են եւ նոյնպէս այլ միջոցներով առաքուած 30 երգարանները: Նոր հրատարակած նոր կոտակարաններէն ալ տրուած են եւ պիտի տրուին մեր Եկեղեցին, Կաթողիկոսին կողմէ: Աւետարանչական օրհնեալ ժողովները ունեցանք հոն եւ շատ հոգիներ Տէրոջը մօսեցան այս առթիւ: Եկեղեցին պարտք չզգար որեւէ զիմուած կատարելու նիւթական օգնութիւն ուղելու համար ո՛չ երգարաններու եւ ո՛չ ալ շինութեան համար: Վերջին երկու ամիսներու ընթացքին Երեւանի պաշտամունքները զագրած էին Եկեղեցին պատերուն տախտակամածին եւ տանիքին նորոգութեանը համար: Ուրախ ենք հաղորդելու որ արդէն երկրորդ Կիրակին է որ Պաշտամունքները վերսկսած են: Մենք արտօնուած ենք, արտասահմանէն նստարաններ նուիրելու: Որոշած ենք երգեհոն մըն ալ նուիրել, բարձրախօսի մը հետ, Կաթողիկոսին միջոցաւ դրամական փոխանցում կատարելով: Ասոնք կը գրենք առ ի տեղեկութիւն, եւ ո՛չ թէ օժանդակութիւն ուղելու համար:

ԾՈՒԽԿԻ ԿՈՒԳԱՄ ԵՍ ՀԻՄԱ

Ծունկի կուգամ ես հիմա, հոգուվ ծառաւ, անօրի. Կըշտացուր զիս Բու խօսէն: Կենաց ջուրէն լոյս — կարի. Տեղացուր ինձ երկինքէն: Ման զուարթնոց կենսալի:

Ծունկի կուգամ ես հիմա, շատ հարցերով բեռնաւոր. Տուր ինձ ոյժ որ կարենամ: Լուծել բեռներս ամէն օր. Փարատ, զախս տարածամ՝ Լոյսով սիրոյդ երկնաւոր:

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Sympathies extended:

— The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, the Field Directors and the staff, all of whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sincere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, transmitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . , I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.

ALICE ADROUNY

Submitted by Nell Johnston



Mrs. Alice K. Adrouny, wife of Professor George Adrouny of Tulane University in New Orleans, and mother of Dr. Salpi Adrouny in Milwaukee, Mrs. Sonia (Ray) Russo in College Park, Md., and Dr. Adour Adrouny in Los Angeles, passed away in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 23, 1983. Her granddaughter Jennifer Alison Russo, was born one day before her death.

Mrs. Adrouny had been suffering from a severe case of rheumatoid arthritis during the past two years. The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, with the Reverend Dr. J. Wayte Fulton, Jr. officiating. The following is the text of the tribute to Mrs. Adrouny delivered by Mrs. Nell Johnston, a longstanding member of the Church and a close friend.

Alice Adrouny was born on June 14, 1916, in Turkey. Her father, Yacoub Karamanoukian, was a prominent businessman in the City of Aintab, and her Mother, Ebrouhi, was the granddaughter of Adour Niziblian, a man well known among Armenians for his benevolences. Her family somehow survived the genocide and eventually settled as refugees in the City of Aleppo in Syria.

Alice grew up in Syria, obtaining her education in Armenian elementary schools and at the American Seminary for Girls. By her own initiative, she learned to play the piano and the organ, and for a number of years she served as organist at the Church. She also served as a teacher in the elementary school run by the Church.

In 1949 she married George A. Adrouny, a pharmacist and a teacher at Aleppo College. Some six years after their marriage George came to the United States and spent four years away from his family in order to earn his Ph.D. In the summer of 1955, Alice, George and their three children, Salpi, Sonia and Adour were reunited in Atlanta, where George was serving as a member of the Emory University faculty. Subsequently, in 1957, an appointment at Tulane Uni-

versity brought the family to New Orleans.

The institution that best nurtured her love for people was the First Presbyterian Church which the family hand joined soon after their move to New Orleans. Alice gave herself unstintingly to the Church, enthusiastically participating in various activities of the Women of the Church. In 1974 she was awarded the life-long membership of the W.O.C. in recognition of her faithful services. She was also honored by being elected President of the W.O.C. during 1979-1981.

Her enthusiasm was not limited to the Church. She participated in various activities of the Tulane University Faculty Wives. She was particularly active in the Tulane University International Students' Organization that provides host families for students coming from abroad.

She also spent time among her Armenian kinsmen in this City, teaching the elderly ladies the elements of basic English, so that they might be able to manage on their own in their newly-adopted country. She was also the spirit behind the recent organization of the Armenian Association of Louisiana.

With all these interests she managed to bring up three children who, by their professional developments, have given a good account of themselves.

The most distinctive characteristic of Alice Adrouny was her loving and outgoing personality. She was always striving in her own way, to add joy and cheer to the people around her.

KISAG MOORDIGIAN

Kisag Moordigian was born in Los Angeles on June 21, 1907 to Nazareth and Maritza Moordigian.

Kisag, who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was also a nurseryman in San Fernando Valley, raising azaleas. His parents were among the founders of The Gethsemane Armenian Congregational Church and he used his expertise to help his

co-cousin, Peter, landscape the church grounds of UACC. He was married to the former Dean Peters and their home was blessed with four children: Linda Badurek, Nancy Howard, and twin boys, Kenneth and David. As a gourmet cook specializing in Chinese cooking, in addition to his native Armenian cooking, he loved to entertain.

Kisag's mother, Maritza, helped with the establishment of the Christian Medical Center Fund, first as a loan, then as a gift to the AMAA for an endowment fund for a clinic.

Kisag passed away on May 25, 1983 and a memorial service was held at the Sylmar Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Tuesday, May 31. It was conducted by Bishop John C. Sand-

berg. Interment was private at the Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall, California.

Kisag Moordigian is survived by his wife, Dean; four children; three grandchildren: Christopher, Channing and Theodore; sisters, Helen Babikian and Myrtle McIver of Inio, Calif.; and brother, Richard Mordigan of Los Angeles.

FLORA ISHKANIAN

Mrs. Yeranouhie Levonian of Watertown, Mass., a faithful member of the AMAA, submitted the following testimony concerning her sister, Flora Ishkanian.

"My sister Flora, who was in a nursing home for two years, passed away quietly in her sleep at night at the age of 96. She was a real Christian woman who had served the Lord beginning from the old country where she taught Bible classes in Cairo, Egypt. She was a woman who prayed throughout her life for the salvation and well-being of all people. She just flew to heaven to join the heavenly angels and sing praises to our God eternally."

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

*Mrs. Rosemarie William Kramer

Miami, FL

Mrs. Isabel Aznakian

Pompano Beach, FL July 22, 1982

Mr. Vahan Metchikian

California March 18, 1983

Mrs. Emily Gazarian

Monterey Park, CA March 31, 1983

Mr. Armen Ilanjian

California April 2, 1983

Dr. Arsham Alemian

Orleans, MA April 28, 1983

*Mrs. Vartouhie Sivas

Pasadena, CA May, 1983

Mr. Peter Keosayan

Watertown, MA May, 1983

Mr. George Demirjian

Laguna Niguel, CA May 7, 1983

Mr. John Hachigian

Park Ridge, IL May 19, 1983

64TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMAA TO BE CONVENED IN BOSTON, MASS.

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of America will convene on Sunday, October 16, 1983 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Armenian Church of Belmont at 380 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass.

All contributing members of the Association will be entitled to attend the meeting and exercise their rights in hearing the reports, participating in the deliberations and voting for the election of the Board of Directors.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Association, at least fifteen days before the Annual Meeting notice will be given by circular letter to all the members who will also have the opportunity to exercise their franchise for the election of Directors by mail.

As in previous years, the Annual Meeting will be preceded by a weekend-long meeting of the Board of Directors and a missions emphasis worship service at the host church.

It is the sincere hope and desire of the Board of Directors that all AMAA members will make every effort to be present at the Annual Meeting and the related activities. The fellowship and the input of all of our members are welcome.

ADVANTAGES OF A REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

Estate planning is not exclusively concerned with the minimization of death taxes. It is helpful to reduce legal expenses and avoid annoyance, restrictions and delays in the process called probate. For example, if an individual leaves a net estate of \$200,000, to be transferred in accordance with the terms of a Will, or by intestate succession if there is no Will and death occurs in 1983, the unified credit will exempt the estate from federal tax but there is still a significant death duty, which is probate administration. The executor of the estate would be entitled to a fee of about \$5,000 and the attorney a similar amount, plus extraordinary fees if unusual services are required.

The transfer of the estate could have been facilitated and the costs largely eliminated through the use of a Revocable Living Trust. This device is a legal paper entity to which assets could have been transferred by the donor while alive, as distinguished from an irrevocable living trust or a trust set up under the terms of a Will. Although the assets are no longer held in the name of an individual grantor they remain under the grantor's complete control. This is because the grantor retains the power to amend the terms of the trust, withdraw assets, or make any other changes, including the complete revocation of the instrument.

In summary, although a Revocable Living Trust does not save estate or income taxes, it provides an arrangement whereby assets may quickly pass to beneficiaries without the delay, cost and publicity of probate administration.

A cautionary note: it would be an error to assume that a Living Trust replaces the need for a Will. It very definitely does not. A Will is desirable if for no other reason than that some assets are typically excluded from a living trust, such as personal property, checking, and small savings accounts. These items may be willed outright to beneficiaries or can be added to the trust by means of a "pour over" provision in the Will.

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